

ALLIED ARMIES ARE RETREATING ALONG ROUMANIAN FRONT

Fall of Bucharest Proves Severe Blow to Forces of Russia and Roumania

IMPORTANT RAILWAY TERMINUS TAKEN

Paris Claims Allied Troops Escaped and Only Few Were Captured at Bucharest

ARABIA CARRIED TROOPS, GERMANS CLAIM IN ANSWER

PRESIDENT WILSON, HOWEVER, IS DISSATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—The German government may maintain that it was justified in sinking the liner Arabia unless this government can give proof that the vessel was an innocent passenger ship.
In a note to this government made public here today, Germany claims that the Arabia was a troop transport, therefore an auxiliary warship and not entitled to protection.

Should it be proved otherwise, however, the note continues, proper reparation would be made by Germany.

OFFICIALS DISSATISFIED WITH GERMANY'S NOTE.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—The German submarine situation again loomed up dangerously this afternoon. Germany's note excusing the sinking of the P. & O. liner Arabia on the ground that the submarine commander considered her a transport is not satisfactory to President Wilson. The German note, it is said in official quarters, is considered "very weak."
The state department has on hand positive proof that the Arabia was a passenger liner and not a transport and there were women and children on board.

Although private officials admitted that the situation was far from satisfactory the new German note was sent to President Wilson and he will decide what action will be taken. It is expected that the administration will demand a disavowal of the sinking of the liner which had an American citizen on board and the proper punishment of the submarine commander. Otherwise the suggestion of the last Sussex note that diplomatic relations will be ended will be taken up.

INFANT PARALYSIS GERM IS ISOLATED

MINNEAPOLIS PHYSICIAN MAY HAVE FOUND CHECK TO THE DREAD DISEASE.

(International News Service.)
Minneapolis, Dec. 7.—Serum to combat the germ of infantile paralysis that swept the country last summer can be prepared as soon as the claims made by Dr. Edward C. Rosenow are completely confirmed. Dr. Rosenow, who announced some time ago that it was "believed" that the infantile paralysis germ had been isolated today made this statement: "The germ of infantile paralysis is isolated. I am positive that it is isolated."

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BRYAN IS GUEST AT DINNER GIVEN BY CLOSE FRIENDS; OUTLINES POLICIES

STANDS FOR NATION-WIDE AND EQUAL SUFFRAGE; OPPOSES THE "MILITARY MENACE."

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

OPPOSES FEDERAL CONTROL OF RAILROADS; WOULD PLACE THEM IN NATIONAL POLITICS

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—The democratic principles of railroad regulation were expounded today to the joint congressional committee investigating railroad conditions by W. J. Bryan, party leader and former secretary of state. The committee interrupted its regular program to permit Mr. Bryan to make his statement on the centralization of the power of government, in connection with the railroad situation at this time. The former cabinet officer opposed abandonment of state regulation of railroads.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Reforms to which he hopes to commit the democratic party and to see accomplished within the next four years were outlined last night by William Jennings Bryan at a dinner given in his honor by admirers among democratic officials and members of congress. Nation-wide prohibition he urged as most important and other causes on his list included woman suffrage by federal amendment, election of the president by direct popular vote and changes to make the constitution more easily amendable.

In addition to his program to be advocated, Mr. Bryan gave a prominent place to two things he proposes to fight: The effort to give the federal government exclusive control over railroad regulation, and the "menace of militarism," presented by proposals for universal military service.

Speeches lauding Mr. Bryan and particularly his work for the party during the campaign just won were made by many of the diners, and a letter was read from President Wilson, with whom the former secretary and Mrs. Bryan had lunched during the day. The president wrote:

"Will you not be kind enough to convey my very cordial greetings to Mr. Bryan and to those who are assembled to do him honor at the dinner on Wednesday evening? In the recent campaign no one rendered more unselfish service than Mr. Bryan, and I am happy to know that this dinner expresses the genuine admiration of all democrats for him. May I not by this means convey to him my warmest congratulations and best wishes for his continued health and happiness?"

Lands the President.

In reviewing at length the accomplishments of the democratic administration, Mr. Bryan said the work had been done in one short term "under the leadership of a great democratic president, loyally supported by a congress equally democratic."

"An effort is now being made by the railroads to secure legislation, and, if necessary, a constitutional amendment, depriving the states of all legislative power over them, and giving to congress exclusive control over railroad regulation. The consolidation of all railroad legislation at Washington would not only transfer to the national capital an amount of work which would overwhelm the national authorities, and, therefore, decrease the efficiency of federal supervision, but it would bring a railroad influence into the election of every congressman and every senator as well as intensify the railroads' interest in presidential campaigns."

"I would do more than that. It would practically obliterate state lines, and lead to a centralization which would threaten the very existence of our dual form of government. We cannot afford to shut our eyes to the menace of militarism, and it is

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NEW ROYAL FAMILY OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY



Charles Francis Joseph, the new emperor of Austria-Hungary, with the Empress Zita and their son and daughter.

CARRANZA ACCEPTS THE U. S. PROTOCOL CORRUPT PRACTICES BILL WILL PASS

FIRST CHIEF FINALLY AGREES TO RATIFY JOINT AGREEMENT MADE IN AMERICA.

(International News Service.)
Mexico City, Dec. 7.—Word was received here today from de facto government heads now meeting in Queretaro that First Chief Carranza has decided to adopt the protocol arranged by the American-Mexican joint commission at Atlantic City.

A few changes, it was stated, may possibly be made in the wording of the document, but the first chief has given his endorsement in the main.

In all probability Commissioner Alberto J. Pani will take the protocol to Washington after Carranza has affixed his signature.

Tennessee Valley Bank Receives New Dimes

Coins Are Works of Art, Surpassing All Others for Mere Beauty.

The Tennessee Valley Bank has received a shipment of the new dimes being turned out from the mints of the United States government, and is also expecting a consignment of the new quarters and half dollars.

The new dime is a work of art. From the standpoint of mere beauty it excels anything in the money line ever issued by your Uncle Sam. One side shows a wreath and battle axe, with the words "E pluribus Unum" set to the side of the battle axe in very small letters. This side also carries around the edge the lettering "United States of America. One Dime."

On the reverse side is a woman's head, with the neck resting on the figures "1916." "In God We Trust" is finely lettered to the left of the head, while "Liberty" adorns the edge, the letters being very thinly spaced.

The coins are already in great demand as souvenirs.

Few Cattle Have Ticks in Morgan

Only 8 cattle from one herd were found to be infested with ticks during the eradication work in Morgan county during November. The inspectors dipped 15,688 cattle from 4,911 herds. Only 44 cattle from 7 herds are now under quarantine. The federal quarantine will be lifted in Morgan county next Monday.

LLOYD GEORGE IS BUSY RECRUITING A NEW CABINET

In Addition to Being Premier, Will Also Head the War Council

KING GEORGE IS LENDING A HAND

Monarch Laboring Personally to Bring About a Solution of Muddled Problem

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 7.—David Lloyd George, secretary of state for war in the old coalition cabinet and Colonial Secretary A. Bonar Law are today working together the new English government that will assure the people a victory.

In addition to being premier in the new ministry, Lloyd George will be the head of the war council, a small body of men that will have full direction of military operations in conjunction with the general staff.

It is likely that the new war council will not have to have its decisions ratified by the cabinet, as was the case with the old one.

While there will be radical changes in the government the new members will probably be comparatively few.

At the same time the likelihood of a general election is growing.

King George is laboring personally to bring about a solution of the political muddle. He is also, in addition to having a cabinet in which the people have confidence, trying to bring about a reconciliation between various political groups.

ITALIAN NEWSPAPER BLAMES IT ALL ON ASQUITH

(International News Service.)
Rome, Dec. 7.—The Roumanian disaster and the muddle in Greece are both attributed to the Asquith cabinet by the Giornale d'Italia today, in an extensive article discussing the English political situation.

WANTS CABINET REDUCED FROM 26 TO 6 MEMBERS.

(International News Service.)
London, Dec. 7.—The suggestion was made today by the Westminster Gazette that the cabinet be reduced from 26 to 6 members.

SUFFRAGISTS ARE IN MINORITY IS CLAIM

WOMEN DO NOT WANT BALLOT SAYS PRESIDENT OF ANTI-SUFFRAGE FOLKS.

(International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Protests against the proposed suffrage amendment to the constitution "upon the demand of the minority of women" was voiced here today by Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage, in opening the first convention of the organization.

"After 55 years of organized effort woman's suffrage is a minority movement. We assert that the fundamental principle of democracy—majority rule—should be applied to the campaign for votes for women," she said.

SON-IN-LAW "NICK" BUYS MANY FEDORAS.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The 14 democrats of the house ways and means committee blossomed out today in brand new hats and broad smiles.

"Somebody recalled that on last July 6, Representative Longworth, republican, rose to the floor and promised to buy every democrat on the committee a new hat if the next house were not republican by a majority of a hundred."

COMMANDERY MEETS TONIGHT.

De Molay Commandery, No. 14, K. T., will meet tonight in regular convocation to confer the Red Cross degree on Messrs. Strother, Smithers and Hunt. All Knights Templar are cordially invited to attend.

24 CASES ALREADY TRIED IN WEEK BY LAW-EQUITY COURT

MANSLAUGHTER CASE AGAINST TOM GARDINER AWAITS FURTHER GRAND JURY ACTION.

The Morgan county law and equity court has disposed of the following cases since court began Monday:

Tom Gardiner, manslaughter, plea in abatement sustained and defendant is held under \$500 bond to await action of grand jury.

Charlie Vest, abusive language, plead guilty and fined \$1.

Will Tucker, grand larceny, improperly on docket.

J. V. Lee, selling mortgaged property, improperly on docket.

S. S. Sykes, Jr., selling whiskey, nolle prossed.

Earnest Mathis, selling whiskey, plead guilty, fined \$50, but fine remitted because only half pint of liquor was found.

A. H. Norris, violating live stock law; nolle prossed.

A. V. Rollins, violating live stock law; nolle prossed.

E. H. Peck, failing to dip cattle; nolle prossed.

Harry Mitchell, violating prohibition laws; not guilty.

Green Johnson, failing to dip cattle; nolle prossed.

M. D. Landers, failing to dip cows; nolle prossed.

J. H. Kitchens, failing to dip cattle; nolle prossed.

H. H. Jackson, failing to dip cattle; nolle prossed.

A. D. Turney, selling whiskey, sentenced to 101 days, sentence suspended pending appeal.

Charlie Dean, selling whiskey, defendant pleads guilty; no fine assessed; costs paid.

Jesse Lowery, vagrancy, withdrawn and fled.

Tom Aday, road defaulting; nolle prossed.

W. M. King, violating live stock law; nolle prossed.

A. V. Rollins, violating live stock laws; nolle prossed.

Chas. Pryor, carrying concealed pistol, pleads guilty and fined \$51.

Lura Dyson and Geo. Dyson, adultery. Geo. Dyson pleads guilty and is fined \$100. Upon promise to marry Lura Dyson fine is remitted. Case against Lura Dyson nolle prossed.

Henry Napper, violating prohibition laws; pleads guilty and fined \$50. On recommendation of solicitor fine is remitted.

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Overland Salesmen Back From Factory

B. A. Turner and Phil Humphrey Visit Willys-Overland Plant at Toledo.

B. A. Turner and Phil Humphrey, of the Malone Coal, Grain & Motor Company, returned this morning from Toledo, Ohio, where they attended the great convention held by the 5,000 Overland dealers of the United States. They are more enthusiastic Overland boosters than ever before.

While at Toledo, the local salesmen were shown through the great factory, which covers 103 acres, and where 17,300 men are employed. They were much impressed with the magnitude of the factory, and very enthusiastic over the cordial treatment which they received.

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A BAPTIST MINISTER NOW HEADS BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

"When a Baptist minister heads the British government, I think it is time to set 'em up." This statement was made this morning by the Daily office by a well known local pastor of the same faith and denomination as David Lloyd George who has succeeded Asquith as premier of Great Britain. The pastor then produced choice cigars.

The remark, illuminated by puffs from a delicious weed, was food for thought. Why is it that England, with a national church, should have found no communicant of that church of sufficient calibre to deserve the distinction of being the nation's "one strong man?" Why was it necessary to replace its lords and peers by a lay preacher of simple life and heroic force?

Perhaps the answer is this: The strong men of the English church are too fully inoculated with a reverence for class, for title and for degree, to command the unswerving allegiance of the masses. And in this emergency, after the resources of diplomacy have been exhausted; after it has been determined that the war is to be won on land and not on sea, it is apparent that the brunt of the fighting is to be borne by the humble millions who live by labor. Lloyd George is the idol of these, although he turned sternly against them when they imperiled the empire by threatened national strikes.

No Baptist, although the denomination is numerically the second strongest in America, has ever occupied the White House. This has been a source of mortification to many adherents of the faith. It should not necessarily be, for it is but a tribute to the direct militancy of a sect that is slow to adopt the sinister subtleties of political opportunists. It is this same fighting quality that has made Lloyd George the final hope of the British government in the hour when fighting is a necessity.

THE SAD STORY OF ROUMANIA.

One hundred days after Roumania rashly entered the war, its capital city surrendered to the armies of Field Marshal Von Mackensen. Three months was all the time needed for the great Austro-German military machine to crush a little nation that had posed as one of the fighting powers of the Balkans.

The downfall of Roumania, viewed as it was by the allies as a crushing sentimental blow, will not necessarily stir the heart of the neutral world as did the destruction of Belgium and the conquest of Serbia. These tiny governments were victims of circumstances. Belgium, neutral and inclined to mind its own affairs, was doomed because of its geographical location. Serbia, independent and proud, was marked for ruin because it would not submit to the humiliations imposed by the moribund government of the Dual empire.

With Roumania it was different. Flirting first with the allies, then with the central powers, Roumania preserved an unbroken neutrality for two years. During all that time it vacillated between its fear of Germany and its love of Russia. It watched the fortunes of war swing first to one side then to the other. At last, after the Germans had been checked on the western front and had faltered before the Russian offensive on the eastern front, it cast its lot with the allies. There was premeditation in the act; perhaps there was a coldly calculated determination to humiliate Bulgaria and to control the lion's share of the Balkan loot when the final divvy comes.

The subjugation of Roumania was an object lesson to wavering nations with a thirst for war or a longing for spoils. It was a military triumph for the central powers; a moral defeat for the allies, who had shown their impotency to answer the cry for aid that had come from a nation that they had lured to espouse their cause.

Otherwise, the Teuton triumph was without effect. It does not hasten the day when peace is declared, nor does it break the military deadlock that for two years has kept millions of men in the trenches.

"THE MENACE OF MILITARISM."

William Jennings Bryan may not be the sanest and safest of political advisers. Occasionally he gets so far ahead of the times that there is but little danger of his ever being overtaken.

Like all men of broad vision, however, Mr. Bryan has a splendid capacity for looking ahead and forecasting future effects. In the present instance he has glimpsed the future, and in the hue and cry of the times for military preparedness, he has discovered that the lurking figure of military domination is concealed in the wood pile of patriotism. In his address last night at Washington, where he was a guest at dinner of many loyal admirers, he exposed the "military menace" that now confronts America, and went on record as opposing compulsory military service.

Mr. Bryan is right. The rifles of the squirrel shooters may not be sufficient protection against armed invasion; neither would the massing of great armies afford any greater national security than is now enjoyed. Its military readiness caused Germany to plunge the world into the present horrible conflict. An equal military readiness might induce America to follow this bloody example. If nothing else, it would sap the national vitality, would create a military cult of loggers and schemers, and would destroy the real independence of the republic.

The United States should be prepared; it should have unexcelled stores of munitions; it should have unexcelled facilities for producing more. That is as far as it should go. That would be a protection against hasty action; also a protection against unwarranted assault.

Teaching Safety to School Children.

Ted for "danger" and green for "safe" was the conception of the danger and safety emblems which Mrs. Katherine D. Larrabee, the lecturer of the bureau of public safety of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Rapid Transit company, found to be most widely entertained among the children of the Brooklyn vacation schools and playgrounds whom she met in the annual summer school safety campaign under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute for Safety and the board of education. Mrs. Larrabee was well pleased that the children universally recognized the danger sign, and she explained to them the more exact significance of the green symbol from the safety point of view.—Electric Railway Journal.

RED CROSS SEALS.

The Red Cross seals have all the significance of the regular Christmas stickers, but that does not begin to tell their story. In addition to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year greeting, the Red Cross seals typify as nothing else of their kind does the real Christmas spirit of love and sympathy and service for a brotherhood of suffering humanity. They carry a message of helpful interest to forlorn hearts which cannot be directly reached, however much we may be willing. They give expression to the best impulse that comes from the heart of man—that of helpfulness to the unfortunate victims of poverty, misery and distress. They represent a real and potent effort to translate this spirit of helpfulness into efficient service toward alleviating the sorrow and suffering which follow in the train of the Great White Plague. They give joy alike to the heart of the donor and to the recipient and help to save the life and happiness of some less fortunate brother beyond the personal reach of either who has already or may become the victim of tuberculosis. And tuberculosis is no largely a community sin.

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Buy Red Cross Seals of your local agent.

BRYAN SEES DANGER IN RAILROAD'S PLAN

CENTRALIZATION OF CONTROL WILL BRING CORRUPTION, SAYS COMMONER.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 6.—Wholesale corruption with a general breaking down of the powers of the individual states were predicted by W. J. Bryan today as "the inevitable result" of the plan of the railroads to centralize all railroad control in the federal government. Testifying before the joint congressional committee, the former secretary of state made the assertion.

Why He Was Sick.

A mother whose son was sentenced to the Marion county workhouse recently from juvenile court, entered court a few days ago, and said that she wished to speak to Judge Frank J. Lahr in regard to her son, says the Indianapolis News.

"Judge," said the woman, "I was out at the workhouse yesterday, and my boy tells me he is not getting enough to eat. I think something ought to be done about it."

Judge Lahr assured the woman that the son's assertion could not be true, but when she insisted, he called the superintendent by telephone and inquired.

"Hold the phone a minute," said the superintendent, "and I'll look him up." "Hello, judge," finally came back over the wire, "that man is working as a cook, and is sick today from eating too much at his work."

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MANY PROMINENT LOCAL CITIZENS CAME FROM LAWRENCE COUNTY

Moulton, the County Seat, is Rich in Historic Recollections; it is Alabama's Livest City Not Located on a Railroad

(By Staff Correspondence.)

Moulton, Ala., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—To come to Lawrence county without seeing Judge J. C. Kumpe, Judge of probate for the past thirty years, would be like going to Rhodes, to Paris without seeing the Colosseum, to New York harbor without seeing the statue of liberty or to Albany without seeing the Louisville & Nashville shops. He is the guiding genius of Moulton and Lawrence county.

According to Judge Kumpe, most of the bone and sinew of Morgan county's citizenship came from Lawrence county—a fact of which Moulton citizens are duly proud. Here is a list of men born in Lawrence county who have made good in Decatur:

Col. C. C. Harris, president of the City National Bank and former congressman from this district; W. W. Callahan, prominent lawyer and twice candidate for congress; Tennis Wert, father of Judge Thos. W. Wert; Jno. L. Brock, wealthy wholesaler and cap-

italist; Dr. W. J. Dismore, prominent physician and twice candidate for mayor of Decatur; W. T. Lowe, prominent lawyer and former senator from this district; W. W. Garnett, well known merchant; G. D. Williamson, pioneer merchant; J. L. Echols, prominent merchant, and others.

Lawrence county has contributed the following to Albany's roster of prominent citizens:

David C. Almon, solicitor Eighth judicial circuit; Jno. C. Eyster, prominent lawyer; Chas. H. Eyster, prominent lawyer; John Proctor, well-known Second avenue furniture man; J. H. Crow, prominent hardware dealer; G. O. Chenault and the Doctors Chenault, lawyers and physicians; Brentz Precht, well-known druggist; W. H. Aycock, founder of North Alabama's first wholesale dry goods house; Chas. Robertson, tax collector of Morgan county; Mat Odum, well-known Second avenue merchant; J. S. Walker, livery stable and gin owner; T. G. Masterson and Ed Heifer, well-known traveling men; William Seamons, and others.

Moulton Is Progressive Town.

Moulton is a far different place from what it was when these men moved to Morgan county. At that time it had only 200 or 300 inhabitants. Now it boasts of 1,000 people, a municipal water works, an electric light plant, a fine county high school, four churches, nineteen business houses, cotton gins and other conveniences. The county has many miles of piked roads and has two coal mines in active operation. Lawrence county may not have fed itself this year because of the high waters of the spring and summer, but this winter it is warming itself with Lawrence county coal. It's good coal, too.

Kumpe, the Big Boss.

Few projects in Lawrence county have been undertaken in the last forty years without the kindly counsel of Judge Kumpe. He is the father confessor of the youth of the county. He reminds one of nothing so much as Irving Cobb's benignant "Judge Priest" in his stories of old Kentucky. If Judge Kumpe is a good politician one misses the earmarks. He simply deals with men in an old-fashioned, homespun way. He is the "big boss" of the county. It was he who tried numberless times to build a railroad from Hillsboro to Moulton—for the steel horses of the Southern Railway run fourteen miles from the old town. He offered the wisdom of matured years when the county high school was built. Indeed, there are many Lawrence countians who believe Judge Kumpe was here when the present court house was built in 1850, advising the workmen in his quiet way—calling them by their first names—of how to lay the foundations and construct the vaults for the storage of the county's aged public documents.

Many Interesting Relics.

And in these vaults, by the way, the Daily's reporter was allowed to ramble today. He found page after page of deeds and tax assessments concerning the forefathers of many Morgan county citizens of the present day. He found assessments on property owned by the Speakes, the Sykes, the Eysters, the Sherrods, the Wheelers and many others.

Francis W. Sykes, for instance, owned 49 slaves and 1,520 acres of land, the latter valued at \$23,400. Mr. Sykes was a near ancestor of the Dancys and Garths of Morgan and Madison counties. He owned six slaves under five years of age which were taxed at 25 cents each. He owned 9 slaves between 5 and 10 years of age, which were taxed 45 cents each. He had three slaves between 10 and 15 years each which were assessed at 80 cents each. Between the ages of 15 and 30 years, the largest period of usefulness in a slave's life, Mr. Sykes owned 12, which were taxed \$1.10 each. Slaves between 30 and 40 years were taxed 80 cents; between 40 and 50 years, at 50 cents, and between 50 and 60 at 20 cents. Free negroes and mulattos were also taxed and an extra tax of two cents each was laid on each slave as an "execution tax." If a slave was legally executed for some crime, his master was reimbursed out of this tax for his death. Mr. Sykes also owned a wonderful carriage for the time which was taxed at \$400.

STAGE OF RIVER.

Chattanooga, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Tennessee river here this morning stood at 7.9 feet and was falling; weather cloudy. At Bridgeport the river stands at 7 feet and is falling; weather cloudy. At Guntersville the river stands at 6.1 feet and is falling; weather cloudy. The river will continue nearly stationary.

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PERSONALS

Dr. W. L. Darby returned last night from Athens and will leave tomorrow for Scottsboro, where he expects to remain for a week.

Will Skeggs, who underwent a serious operation at St. Anthony's hospital at Oklahoma City, continues to improve, according to advices received by his family here today.

Erskine Skeggs returned to Memphis today, after a short visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs. Wm. E. Skeggs.

A. H. Carmichael, of Tusculum, was a visitor to the Twin Cities for a few hours yesterday.

Among local attorneys who have returned from circuit court at Moulton are S. A. Lynne, O. Kyle, Tennis Tidwell and E. C. Nix. The court will finish both the civil and criminal dockets by Saturday afternoon.

Drs. A. M. White and R. B. Sherrill, of Hartselle, were in the city today attending the meeting of the Morgan County Medical Association.

C. Ed Howell, of Albany, has returned from Montgomery, where he attended the Masonic grand lodge.

Dr. W. M. Dinsmore, of Priceville, and Dr. T. J. Russell, of Woodland Mills, were here today attending the meeting of the Morgan County Medical Association.

Earl, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Turner, underwent an operation on his throat this morning. The patient is doing well.

BOY SCOUTS TO MEET.

The Boy Scouts troop of Decatur will meet Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Decatur city hall. Scoutmaster Robertson announces that the meeting will be important and Scouts are requested to report in uniform.

Business or professional cards from The Daily.

SOCIETY

MUSIC STUDY CLUB.

The capacity of the manse was taxed Wednesday afternoon, when, with Mrs. E. L. Grau and Mrs. E. E. Graves as hostess and chairman, the Music Study club presented a number of its members in recital. The president, Mrs. E. W. Godbey, disposed of the club's business, then turned the meeting over to the chairman, when the following program was had:

Instrumental solo—Mrs. E. E. Graves.

Sketch (Brahms)—Mrs. W. R. Shelton.

Violin solo, Hungarian dances—Misses Hutton and Turrell.

Piano solo—Mrs. T. H. Alexander.

Duet—Mesdames Grau and Rickles.

This program was German, and the work of the afternoon presented the thoroughness with which these composers produce selections and the idealism of Brahms was one of the best examples for music students. This expresses the ambition of Mrs. E. E. Graves to attain the greatest amount of good, for musical work.

Mrs. Thomas Knight, of Greensboro, the guest of Mrs. J. H. Calvin, favored the club with a number. Her selection was that exquisite song of happiness and love, "I List the Trill of Golden Throat," from Victor Herbert's opera "Natoma." Her interpretation was most delightful, the voice exhibiting smoothness, flexibility and brilliancy without a flaw.

Miss Naida Vohlers was hostess to the Y. P. M. S. of the Central M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon. The subject for the afternoon was "Cuba and the Florida Coast" and the following interesting program was given:

Topic: "Light in the Antilles"—Miss Gladys Kerr.

"From Cuba to Florida"—Miss Cleo Lovin.

"Cubans on the Florida Coast"—Miss Imogene Winton.

Dainty refreshments were served and a delightful social hour enjoyed.

COTACCO LITERARY CLUB.

Mrs. E. R. Guy was hostess on Wednesday afternoon to the Cotacco Literary club. The enjoyable program subject was "Elizabethan England," led by Mrs. W. B. Robertson. During the social hour Miss Sarah Davis rendered instrumental numbers that delighted the club. Afterward a salad course was served.

GREEN-BRASSEALE.

Of interest to their many friends was the marriage of Miss Nellie Brasseale and Mr. Samuel M. Green, which was solemnized recently at the home of the bride at Boaz. Mr. and Mrs. Green are now at home in Decatur.

DANCING CLASS.

Miss Williams' dancing classes will be on Monday and Thursday nights. Class tonight.

SATURDAY EVENING DANCING CLUB.

The Saturday Evening Dancing club will postpone its dance until Saturday, Dec. 16.

Misses Judith and Helen Winston, who have been spending some time in Decatur, are visiting relatives and friends in Tusculum—Tri-Cities Daily.

Mrs. Jesse O. Duckett, of Arlington, Texas, a sister of Assistant Postmaster Felix M. Robertson, of Decatur, left today for her home in Texas, after visiting her brother on Line street.

Mrs. R. B. Graves and daughter, Mrs. W. G. Petty, spent Tuesday with their son and brother, Grover Graves, at Hartselle.

Mesdames R. B. Graves and W. G. Petty are the guests of Mrs. N. C. Braly at Athens.

Miss Blanch Kelly, of Dayton, Ohio, is expected here on Sunday to visit friends.

MILLINERY BUSINESS OPEN ON GRANT STREET.

The Misses Hadden have opened a line of millinery in the Hoff building on Grant street, next door to the Twin City Bakery, and will appreciate the patronage of the public.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Herbert F. Elrod to Miss Fannie Murphree.

Gus O. Eddleman to Miss Esther Murphree.

Charlie Clement to Miss Dixie Holloway.

Roy Fite to Miss May Elizabeth Patterson.

W. F. Boswell to Miss Sue Baker Lile.

Elmer M. Moles to Miss Italyne Holesapple.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Stephens Chapter, D. A. R.—Mrs. J. H. Calvin.

Friday.

Auction Bridge—Social (8 p. m.)—Y. M. C. A.

Saturday.

Silk Stocking Club.

COMPLIMENT TO MRS. THOS. KNIGHT.

For Mrs. Thos. Knight, the guest of Mrs. J. H. Calvin, Judge and Mrs. O. Kyle opened their doors last evening. In reality they impersonated Ponce de Leon, for on arrival all thought of responsibilities in life were cast aside and a jollier and more youthful lot of "boys and girls" never spent happier hours. The fun started with a modeling contest, and Mr. J. H. Calvin, as a "modelist is beyond compare," his lizard would shame Mother Nature, why, you could almost see it wiggle.

Mrs. J. W. Cunningham won the second prize. In the "fruit basket" contest she still wonder who was it. In the advertising contest, everybody won, and the prizes were the most unique ever presented. A delightful "course" was served. Afterward coffee was poured by Mesdames J. I. Chrissinger and E. C. Payne, from a prettily decorated table, centered by a graceful basket of red carnations and greens. During the evening Mrs. Knight gave vocal selections that were greatly appreciated. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maury, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Kimbrough, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Calvin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Chrissinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Godbey, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bibb, Mrs. Thos. Knight, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Murray, W. F. Bixby.

GRAY-LENTZ.

The marriage of Mrs. Eliza Davis Lentz and Davis O. Gray, which came as a surprise to their many friends, was quietly and beautifully solemnized Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fleming, Jr. The impressive double ring Episcopal ceremony was used and was said by Dr. W. B. Capers, assisted by Dr. R. M. W. Black, rector of St. Peter's church. Only a very few close friends were present. The bride, a woman of unusual personal beauty, was very handsomely attired in a Burgundy suit, with real seal trimmings, with Burgundy and gold trimmed hat, ivory gloves and shoes, and wore a handsome corsage bouquet of Killarney roses. She presented a picture of a most unusual type of beauty and never looked more charming than upon this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray left on an evening train for a brief wedding trip and will be at home upon their return with Mrs. R. C. Church, on Seventh street.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Davis, and is much admired for her unusual talents and charm of personality. Mr. Gray is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gray, and has been connected with the sales department of the Federal Chemical Co., at Columbia, for some years. He is a young man of unusual business ability. The culmination of the happy romance is a source of much interest to their many friends in the country.—Columbia Herald.

The bride is a charming woman and is a sister of H. R. Davis, of Albany. During her visits here she has made many friends.

MISS HOLESAPPLE COMPLIMENTED.

A most charming pre-nuptial event was the rook party tendered last week by Miss Mable Hartung at her home on Fourth avenue, south, in compliment to Miss Holesapple and bridal party. A color note of red and white prevailed throughout the home and appeared in the delightful buffet luncheon served. The dining table was centered with a basket of fall roses, tied with a fluffy bow of red tulle, from which peeped a cunning cupid. At either end of the table were cut glass candlesticks holding red and white tapers. In the rook game, played at three tables, the score prizes were won by Elmer Moles and Miss Christine Davidson.

The honoree was handsome in a gown of plum-colored taffeta, and was presented a pretty souvenir.

FOR MISS MAYS.

Miss Vivian Tilman will entertain Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Miss Annie Ruth Mays, an attractive bride-elect of next week.

CHRISTMAS SEALS USED TO FIGHT DEADLY PLAGUE

MORGAN COUNTY ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE SENDS THEM OUT ON APPROVAL.

Have you received a nice little envelope crammed full of Christmas seals? And have you been urged to remit \$1.00 or more to aid in the fight against the dread white plague? If not, send your name to Herman L. Turner, secretary of the Morgan County Anti-Tuberculosis League, and you will find something coming to you through the mails.

In each of the envelopes sent out, there is enclosed the following letter:

"In the war abroad the Red Cross ministers to the wounded and the starving. In our own country there is war in which Red Cross Christmas Seals will bring relief to the suffering and the dying, and also defense against the enemy. The enemy in this war is Tuberculosis, more deadly than any armed enemy. It claims one death out of ever seven from all causes. But we have learned that tuberculosis is preventable and curable, and where the fight against it has been pushed, the death-rate has already been reduced one-half.

"In sending you on approval the 15¢ Christmas Seals enclosed, we give you the opportunity to participate in the campaign against tuberculosis in Morgan county. These cheery, holiday tokens, so appropriate on correspondence and packages just now, are sold at one cent each to raise the money required in the local work of education and prevention, and relief and cure. We believe you will take pleasure in purchasing these messengers of health and using them.

"It is hoped that enough Red Cross Seals will be sold in Morgan county to equal five cents for every citizen. This, with the \$200 already in hand, will enable us to secure the service of a trained health instructor or visiting nurse, who will make safe every infected home, and relieve large numbers of sufferers.

The enclosed stamped envelope may be used to send check for \$1.00 or to return the seals without trouble or expense, if you feel that you should not buy them. A number of friends send \$2 or \$5 for more seals than they use. For whatever remittance you make you will receive our sincere thanks on behalf of the sick and the endangered. We acknowledge each payment with a Christmas card and notice to canvassers that seals have already been supplied.

Very sincerely yours,
F. P. PETTEY, President.
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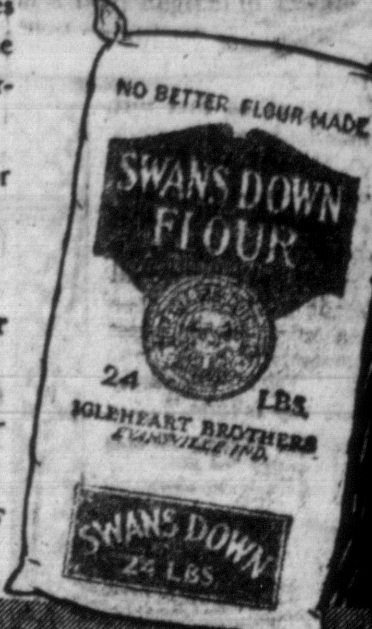
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HOW many realize that the first to respond when special prices are announced, are the ones who get the cream?

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This is our first announcement of Special Prices in the Millinery Department.

There will be no further announcement of special prices in this department before the Holidays are over.

The Fashion PHONE 36



Who Put the Stilts Under Cost of Living?

Congress to Tackle the Job of Finding Out Identity of Price Fixer.

(International News Service.) .. Washington, Dec. 7.—Congress, with the consent of President Wilson, probably will begin work to find out who put the stilts under the cost of living.

A preliminary hearing on the investigation resolution introduced in the house will be accorded by the house rules committee, which passes on all inquiry proposals, and the group of house members who are pressing for legislative relief from higher prices are expected to make a formidable showing before the committee.

Chairman Henry of the rules committee, made it clear that his committee will not block efforts to secure legislation.

She Was Shopping.

She had been sitting in the furniture shop for nearly two hours, inspecting the stock of linoleums.

Roll after roll the perspiring assistant brought out, but still she seemed dissatisfied. From her dress he judged her to be a person of wealth, and thought it likely she would have a good order to give.

When at last he had shown her the last roll he paused in despair.

"I'm sorry, madam," he said apologetically, "but if you could wait I could get some more pieces from the factory. Perhaps you would call again."

The prospective customer gathered her belongings together and rose from the chair.

"Yes, do," she said, with a gracious smile, "and ask them to send you one or two with very small designs, suitable for putting in the bottom of a canary's cage."

His Ambition.

"Looky yur!" severely said the manager of the Majestic moving picture theater at Tumlinville, Ark., addressing Mr. Gap Johnson, who had come over from Rumpus Ridge, and hung round for amusement. "You've set plumb through four programs already. Just about when do you reckon you'll get enough?"

"Whenever what I'm expecting to happen comes off," was the cheery reply. "That there honest country husband has come within an ace of ketchin' in the city dude trying to kiss his wife four times already, and that there fat feller is due any minute to break his fool back by falling out of that tree. And I figger that when them anecdotes occur they'll be plumb worth waiting for."

VILLISTAS TORTURE AND KILL AMERICAN

HOWARD GRAY, MINING MAN, IS DEAD AT PARRAL, DECLARES MESSAGE.

(International News Service.)

El Paso, Dec. 7.—Howard Gray, an American, was killed after being first tortured by the Villistas who captured Parral, according to message received here today by the Alvarado Mining Company. Gray was employed by the firm. The message was signed by a man named Freeman, another employee who reported that all the others were safe.

Write a Slogan and Get a Whole Dollar

Twenty cents a word would hardly buy Kipling's brain products, yet it will compensate the average person for a little coddling of the gray matter. Do you want to earn a whole dollar? If so, then write a five word business slogan, appropriate for use by a Decatur dealer in gentlemen's wear, send it to the Daily office before Saturday night, and if it is the most striking and attractive of the number submitted, it will be awarded the prize. Whether you hit or miss, it's lots of fun.

AMUSEMENTS

"THE SERENADE."

One of the most successful comic operas ever offered to the American public was "The Serenade," and it held the attention of the American theatre-going public for several years. It is again to be presented this season and will be seen at the Masonic theatre on Monday, December 11, under the management of Messrs. Walker and Stevens. It was this young but enterprising firm that last season offered Reginald de Koven's "Robin Hood" on tour, and "The Serenade" is to be given with the same cast that sang the de Koven opera. "The Serenade" was written by Harry B. Smith, who furnished the book and lyrics, and the music was written by America's foremost composer, Victor Herbert. Many of Herbert's admirers hold to the view that in "The Serenade" he has done the very best work of his career. The scenes of this opera are laid in old Spain and opportunity is given for picturesque and elaborate and attractive costuming.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

E. O. Ellis, of Hillsboro, is improving and will return home next week.

Little Miss Louise Stewart is recovering from an operation.

Miss Anna Spain is doing nicely.

N. W. Thompson is recovering rapidly.

C. L. Brown was recently admitted under care of Dr. Watson.

WHEN MOTHER WAS A GIRL

She Was Just the Same as Her Ultra Modern Daughter in the Way of Gadding.

Mother finally became tired of the way daughter was acting, according to a writer in the Fort Worth Star Telegram, and she said to her: "You never do anything but gad about. When I was your age I tried to take some of the work off my poor mother's back. I didn't want to spend all my time with some silly, giggling girl like that chum of yours." After listening to this, daughter went to grandma and said to her: "You must have had an awfully easy time when mamma was growing up. She stayed at home almost all the time, and helped you with the cooking, milking, washing and other work." Then said grandma: "She helped me with the work? I'd like to know when she helped me. Day and night, week in and week out, she was running around with some silly girl, and she never once turned her hand to help me with anything. I made every stitch of her clothes, did all her washing and ironed every rag she ever wore. Now, when I was a girl I really worked. In my time girls didn't run around like they did in your mother's day."

BRYAN IS GUEST AT DINNER GIVEN

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now presented in concrete form. A large increase in the number of army and navy officers drawing salaries for life, and trained in a profession which teaches reliance upon the steel blade rather than upon the sword of truth, tends to substitute false standards of honor for the more peaceful standards that prevail among the producers of wealth.

"It is not unnatural that the magnifying of the profession of arms should give support to the proposal of universal military service, a system which is not only unnecessary, but the adoption of which could not fail to breed that military spirit which has contributed so largely to the encouragement of war in other lands."

Equal Suffrage.

"Equal suffrage was the one question upon which all parties were agreed in the last campaign, their differences relating only to the method of securing the reform. While the democratic and republican parties failed to commit themselves to a national amendment, we might as well recognize the fact that a national amendment will come when the reform is adopted in a sufficient number of states to make its adoption by the nation probable. The democratic party, which builds upon a foundation which is essentially ethical—the doctrine of brotherhood—has that reason for welcoming the co-operation of women in the work that lies before the party, and it has especial reason for regarding woman suffrage with favor at this time, since the influence of the women in the close states was sufficient to determine the results."

"I have saved for the last the reform which will involve the fiercest contest, and which will, when accomplished, bring the largest benefit—namely, abolition of the saloon. The democratic party having won without the aid of the wet cities and having received the support of nearly all the prohibition states, and the states where women vote, is released from any obligation to the liquor traffic. It is free to take the moral side of this great moral issue, and I have no doubt that it will live up to its opportunities and obligations."

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

WILL FIGHT BRYAN AGAIN (International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 7.—W. J. Bryan's endeavors to dictate the big issues of the next national campaign will be met with strenuous opposition within his own party. Democratic leaders made this very plain today, although all were reluctant in making any public announcement, fearing to bring down upon them the opposition of the Nebraskan. The fact, however, that Col. Bryan has coupled with his nationwide dry program a proposition for woman suffrage by national constitutional amendment gave heart to the opposition.

DON'T THINK OF TAKING CALOMEL

LEMOLAC HAS PROVEN A SCIENTIFIC SUBSTITUTE.

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Lemolac is a purely vegetable purgative, is mild in its action and easy to take. It is the one remedy of its kind that does not gripe nor salivate. You can give it with safety to the smallest child.

When the liver seems "lazy," when you feel all out of sorts and particularly when constipation is annoying you, try Lemolac and you'll be more than pleased for doing so.

Lemolac is sold by Thompson Drug Store, who will gladly refund your money should it fail to accomplish everything claimed for it.

P. S.—If you forget the name spell calomel backward. (Adv.)

ALLIED ARMIES ARE RETREATING ALONG

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the Danube from its source to its mouth.

Announcement of the capture of Bucharest and of Ploeshti, the great Roumanian railway town, 30 miles north of the capital, has caused great rejoicing throughout the German empire.

Counting Poland as a separate nation, the Teuton allies have now conquered five kingdoms—Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, Poland and Roumania.

AIRSHIPS NOW USE WIRELESS

Heretofore Messages Could Not Be Received on Account of Noise—Difficulty Overcome.

Upon his return to London from Italy, Guglielmo Marconi, in an interview with British journalists, gave the following information: "New developments will not only make wireless communication in this war more efficient than ever before, but will make it more difficult for the enemy to intercept messages. These improvements will apply to instruments in aeroplanes and airships. Hitherto aeroplanes have been at a disadvantage with airships in wireless work, for although they were able to transmit messages, they have not been able to receive them. This was because the receiving signal was too faint to be distinguished, being drowned by the noise of the aeroplane engine. Now we have been able to strengthen the receiving signal sufficiently to enable messages to be taken."

Dyer's Famous Daughter.

To many Catherine Benicassa, the dyer's daughter, born in 1348, is the most attractive saint in the calendar, where she appears as St. Catherine of Sienna.

She was gay and loving as well as austere; she was pitiless to herself, but reproached herself for demanding too much, spiritually, from others.

She was also a visionary with common sense, a rare combination. It was characteristic of her that when at eight years old she ran away one afternoon to be a hermit she took some bread and a jug of water with her, just the angels should forget to bring her food, and at nightfall she ran home again for fear of making her mother unhappy.

Her Expansive Hat.

A woman entered a car rather out of breath and presented a singular appearance. For instead of a hat she was balancing a huge basket on her head with as much grace and ease as if it had been her Sunday bonnet. She could just manage to get through the doorway, but she sat down with the basket gracefully poised on her head.

"All fares, please," said the conductor. "And I shall want five cents for that there basket, mum."

"Get away with yer," she said. "Dye charge anything for ladies' hats?"

"No, mum."

"Thin get on with yer work. This 'er basket is a-goin' to be my hat."

Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.



Help him make a Christmas of HEALTH—

AFTER all, Christmas is only a success when you give to make others happier. And what better gift can you give than health to sufferers and protection to those about them!

Once a year the Red Cross Seal makes its appeal to you for support in its winning fight against tuberculosis.

With the money paid for RED CROSS SEALS, both children and grown-ups are taught how to escape and conquer tuberculosis, nurses are sent among the poor, dispensaries and hospitals are secured.

Here is your chance to do a real good—and right in your own state. For the Seal supports the health work in the state where they are purchased. Buy liberally to bring new life to those who have less of life's pleasures than you.

Buy Red Cross Seals of your local agent.

HEROES ARE SADLY LACKING

Few Generals Are Mentioned in Stories of Conflict in Europe—Army Is Like Machine.

Most amazing of all the wonderful things about this war is the extremely few names of generals we ever hear about, writes Girard in the Philadelphia Ledger.

One Italian, a couple of English, two or three Frenchmen, four Germans and the same number of Russians, and not one Turk. That makes up the list after two years of fighting and with 25,000,000 soldiers under arms.

The vast armies are moved like machines. Hardly a reputation for any individual anywhere.

What a different story in Napoleon's day! He made four kings, a viceroy, a crown prince, five other princes and twenty-one dukes.

The names of some of his marshals are almost as well known as that of Bonaparte himself. So, too, in our revolution.

"Washington and His Generals" is the name of a once popular book, and the generals are known to millions of schoolchildren—Greene, Wayne, Putnam, Knox and Lee.

The South as well as the North had lots of heroes in the '60s—Lee, Jackson, Johnson, Bragg, Beauregard, Stuart, Hill, Pickett, and Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Meade, Thomas, Hancock and a host of others, almost as much talked about as the supreme commanders themselves.

But this is a war minus heroes, and that is the worst part of it, because hero-making was about the best a war ever did.

MOVING STARS IN HEAVENS

Mystery Explained When Telescope Is Brought Into Use—Were Lights on Automobiles.

William R. Gardner, who has a cottage on the west shore of Pontonoc lake, in the Berkshires, has been noticing what he termed moving stars in the northwestern heavens. "These stars," he had said, "appeared quite high in the sky and slowly descended. They disappeared and then appeared again lower down in the sky." Recently a powerful telescope was brought into play and the mystery was solved. The lights were found to be those on automobiles coming down the Rockwell road from the summit of Greylock mountain.

Pats Nearly Wrecked This Man.

A writer in the American Magazine says: "I have always been obsessed with a desire to be patted on the back. I am that economic hybrid, the successful failure, just escaping complete wreck by suddenly realizing the truth. The other day, just after I had been promoted to a position of considerable importance, a friend slapped me on the back and said, 'Good boy, I knew they would appreciate your worth some time.' His words were gall. I had held the same position more than 20 years before. I had merely won back by hard work a position that, in early manhood, I had achieved without much effort."

Tiny but Deadly.

Two canary birds of the Hartz variety, belonging to Mrs. W. W. Leete of Gladstone, Okla., were killed by a humming bird recently and the murderer was caught in the cage beside the bodies of his victims.

The canary birds were on the porch of the Leete home. The humming bird was able to fly between the wires of the cage and attacked the canary birds with its long and pointed bill. The canary birds, although larger than their assailant, were almost powerless against the quick darts. The humming bird came out of the battle almost unhurt, but was unable to make his exit the way he had come in.

The canaries were valuable.

She Also Needed Food.

This from a member of the Boston Authors' club:

"A neighbor of mine threw a book out of his window and it has been lying in the gutter ever since."

"Maybe he doesn't love books."

"Oh, you can't judge of that by his treatment of this particular novel. It's entitled 'A Pair of Blue Eyes,' is advertised as 'daring,' and was written by a woman who left her husband because her soul was 'starved.'"

His Job.

"Please, mister, have you got any work for a poor man what ain't had nuthin' to eat for three days?"

"What kind of work can you do?"

"I'm a demonstrator, mister."

"A demonstrator? And what do you demonstrate?"

"My best hold is demonstratin' the superiority of teeth over virtials. Just lead me to a square meal and I'll show you a sample of my work."

Queen Elizabeth.

Among the objects of interest exhibited at the museum of the Wilts Archeological society, at Salisbury, England, was a lock of hair of Queen Elizabeth, which was found at Wilton house, between the leaves of a copy of "The Arcadia."

The hair is light brown, approaching to auburn, certainly not red, although with a reddish tinge.

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State of Alabama, Morgan County.

Probate Court, Nov. 30, 1916.

Estate of J. J. Miller, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Mrs. Maggie Bankston, as administratrix of the estate of J. J. Miller, deceased, has filed her accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of her administration of said estate and that the 19th day of December, 1916, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS, Judge of Probate.

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